

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 10/595,202

Group Art Unit: 3721

Confirmation No.: 4549

Examiner: Stephen Francis GERRITY

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING (CIGARETTE) PACKETS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) mailed August 18, 2008, Applicant elects for prosecution in the present application Group II, claims 6-17 "drawn to an apparatus for handling blanks in the production of packs".

Applicant expressly reserves the right to file a Divisional Application to prosecute claims 1-5 drawn to a method of producing packs.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to

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Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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